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At page 13, please amend the last paragraph to read as follows:

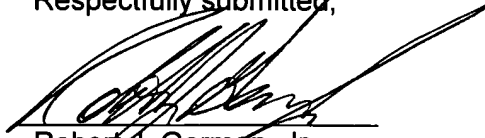
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Although not necessary, it is preferable that the materials of the respective first and second sections form a chemical bond with each other. Tables of such compatible materials from which the first and second sections of a mold half could be selected are provided below. The material combinations are rated according to their ability to adhere to one another, as measured by a mechanical stress test as should be understood by those skilled in this art. In each table, a "G" indicates that the materials exhibit good adhesion, while "M" and "P" indicate medium and poor adhesion, respectively. Preferable combinations are those materials exhibiting good or medium adhesion.

REMARKS

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned.

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Please amend the specification as follows.

At page 7, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

Referring to Figure 3, a contact lens mold 30 includes a back (or [hatched] "base" [hatched]) curve mold half 32 and a front curve mold half 34 which may be brought together as indicated by arrow 36 to form a mold cavity 38 (Figure 8) between optical surfaces 40 and 42. While contact lens surfaces typically define areas such as, for example, the [hatched] "optical" [hatched] zone and [hatched] "lenticular" [hatched] zone, the entire lens front curve surface and the entire lens base curve surface are referred to herein as optical surfaces which are formed by the [hatched] "optical" [hatched] surfaces of the contact lens mold. Thus, the lens mold's [hatched] "optical" [hatched] surfaces as referred to herein may include those surfaces that form contact lens optical surfaces, including the optical and lenticular zones.

At page 9, please amend the last paragraph, continuing on to page 10 as follows:

Referring also to Figure 6, center section 62 defines a boundary 72 parallel to axis 68 that extends from a back side 74 of mold half 32 to front side 46 and that includes edge 70. A second section 76 of mold half 32 is injection molded about the first section. Second section 76 meets and completely surrounds boundary 72. As indicated in Figure 4, tabs 64 and 66 extend radially outward of boundary 72 into second section 76. Thus, second section 76 need not form a continuous annular inner diameter surface entirely between front side 46 and back side 74 at boundary 72. Second section 76 may, for example, include discontinuous sections that meet and together completely surround the boundary to prevent curing light from passing through the second section. Thus, by [hatched] "meeting and completely surrounding" [hatched] boundary 72, second section 76 prevents any such light parallel to axis 68 and radially outward of and immediately adjacent to boundary 72 from passing through second section 76.

At page 11, please amend the last paragraph, continuing on to page 12 as follows:

First sections 62 and 84 are formed by a material that passes light used to cure the lens-forming material in mold cavity portion 96. It should be understood that the particular light (e.g. ultraviolet, infrared, visible or other wavelength range) used to cure the lens will depend upon the characteristics of the lens-forming material. Thus, any light suitable to cure the lens should be understood to be within the meaning of [hatched] "curing light" [hatched] as used herein. Accordingly, while the mold as described herein is

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